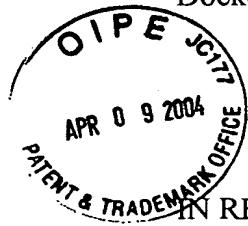


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SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed February 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begins on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The Office Action, dated February 9, 2004, indicated objections to the drawings filed on June 30, 2003. The drawings filed herewith are believed to contain all of the necessary corrections.

Attachment: Letter Submitting Drawing Sheet(s) / Eleven (11) Replacement Drawings